Recommendation of CCFS on safety standards of packaged food and water

1146. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations of central Committee for food standards on safety standards for packaged food/packaged water;

(b) whether they have been fully implemented;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) The Central Committee for Food Standards (CCFS) advise the Central Government and the State Governments on matters related to the implementation of the PFA Act, 1954 including setting of standards. The recommendations of this Committee are advisory in nature. However, the Central Government has accepted almost all of its recommendations except in few instances which have been referred to the Committee for re-examination in the light of latest technical development and such cases also are considered by Government as and when received from the Committee after its re-examination and further recommendations.

Central Legislation on Medical Admissions

1147. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has sent a proposal in 2003 for a Central legislation on admission to medical colleges in different States, in the light of the Supreme Court's 11 judges Judgement in TMA Pai Foundation case;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) the decision, if any, taken in the matter; and

(d) the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Yes Sir. In view of the Supreme Court judgement in the *T.M.A Pai case*